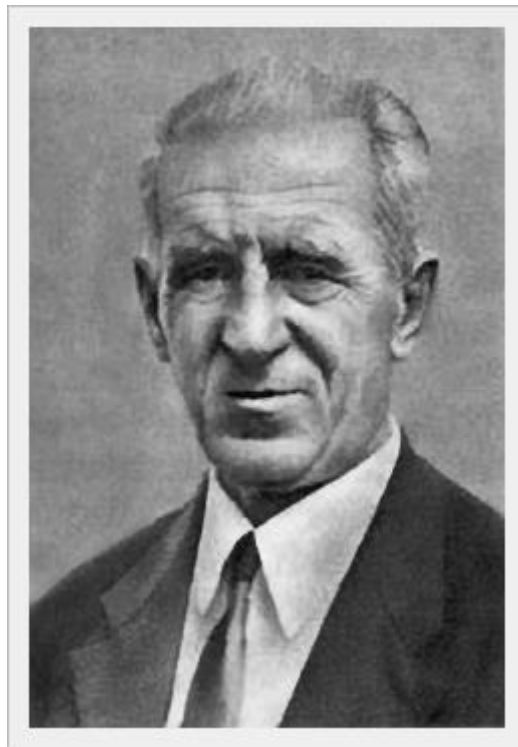


Great Successes in all Genres  
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I remember when in October 1945 we gathered in Tirana to create the Writers' League of Albania. From the very beginning, the organization was taken over by young people who came out of the war and were devoted to the Party.

A new literature had to be created, based on all the good that our people and the progressive writers of the past had created. We would create the literature of socialist realism. Even during the War we had written poems and stories calling for war against occupiers and traitors. During the war, Shefqet Musaraj wrote the poem Epopeja of the National Front, while Fatmir Gjata composed songs that were sung in partisan bands and units and later throughout the country.

The great desire pushed us to write the first books of poems, novels, dramas and novels. This was a literature that came from the hearts and the revolutionary spirit that had inspired us even during the National Liberation War. The main task set for us by the Party was to discover new talents, to increase the ranks and to enrich this new literature. Fighting against the hostile performances in literature, which came out from time to time, the new literature, under the constant care of the Party and Comrade Enver Hoxha, made important steps forward. Literature was enriched with new talents, with capable creative forces in all genres. Poetry inspired by the new socialist reality flourished with the many books that were published, it was almost always at the forefront of new literature. So did the novel, as well as prose in general, which enriched our literature with valuable works that the young reader pursued with so much desire and interest from decade to decade. The years passed, the talents came one after the other and filled quite a few gaps. In addition, literature also reached peaks. This literature made a good impression not only in our country but also abroad. The different genres increased, along with the overall progress of our society. How quickly forty-five years passed, a whole life, a heroic life full of effort and struggle in all walks of life. The party worked wonders. There is almost nothing left of the old. Many cities are no

longer known; they have changed radically, as have almost all our villages, all our plains and mountains. Industry, socialist agriculture, land reclamation, all of these completely changed the appearance of the country. And along with all the sectors of life and work made new life and literature beautiful. Our country has never seen such a cultural development as today. And here, a great help is given by literature, which not only in quantity but also as quality walks alongside all kinds of art and comes to the 45th anniversary of the Liberation with hands full of deserved successes. The 9th Congress of the Party and its Plenums have also opened new development perspectives to literature. A great source of inspiration for our writers was the 8th Plenum of the Central Committee of the Party which affirmed the achievements so far and stressed the fact that, in conditions when the absolute majority of our population is under the age of 30 and when today's youth has demands numerous to art, culture, literature, sports, etc. , more publications are required, more artistic performances, more songs, etc. The first answer to this request of the Party our writers are now giving on the occasion of the great feasts. Literature is being presented with dignity in the great literary competition, where all our creative forces participate.

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